

**CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES  
MEETING OF MAY 11, 2006**

At 5:10 p.m. Chairwoman Deborah Gordon called the meeting to order in the Second Floor Auditorium at the San Mateo Transit District Office.

Members Attending: Judith Christensen, Chairwoman Deborah Gordon, Marc Hershman, Linda Koelling, Rosalie O'Mahony, and Irene O'Connell.

Staff/ Guests Attending: Mary McMillan (County Manager's Office), Richard Napier (C/CAG Executive Director), Brian Moura (Assistant City Manager – San Carlos), Walter Martone (C/CAG Staff), Jessica Sanfill (Assemblyman Mullin's Office), Duane Bay (County Housing Director, Sepi Richardson (C/CAG Member – City of Brisbane), Jerry Grace (Citizen), and Wes Lujan – by conference call (Advocation).

**1. Public comment on items not on the agenda.**

None.

**2. Approval of minutes from April 13, 2006.**

*Motion: To approve the minutes as presented. O'Connell/Koelling, 4 ayes and 1 abstention.*

**3. Briefing from C/CAG's Lobbyist in Sacramento (via conference call).**

Wes Lujan reported:

- a) The Democratic Party has endorsed Treasurer Phil Angelides.
- b) Treasurer Phil Angelides And State Controller Steve Westly are currently tied in the polls.
- c) Governor Schwarzenegger's campaign is anticipating that 4.1 million votes will be needed by the Governor to win reelection.
- d) The May Revise recently released, shows that revenues are up by at least \$3.2 billion and are expected to grow as high as \$5 billion.
- e) Legislators and the Governor's Office are expecting that the budget will be resolved quickly this year due to the increased revenue.
- f) A library bond has qualified for the November 2006 election.
- g) The High Speed Rail bond will likely be postponed. There is concern over the interest rate cap and bonding limit that the State is reaching. This may mean that the rail bond will be put off indefinitely. There still appears to be support for high-speed rail in the Bay Area and the Central Valley.
- h) Senator Kuehl is considering introducing a bill for a Maglev rail demonstration project in Southern California.
- i) The Infrastructure Bond for the November 2006 election included a \$2 billion allocation to be split half with the cities and half with the counties. It also included a \$400,000 minimum allocation to these jurisdictions. It is expected that this item will attract more

voters in support of the bond. Originally the allocation was only going to the cities, and the Republicans lobbied to make sure that the counties were included.

- j) There will likely be many trailer bills to the budget that will provide details on how the bond monies will be distributed if passed by the voters.
- k) The California Transportation Commission will play a key role in determining how the transportation funds under the bond are allocated, particularly for projects that have Statewide significance.
- l) In general, the outcome of the negotiations on the bond has turned out to be favorable to San Mateo County jurisdictions.
- m) Movement on ACA 13, to exempt stormwater and flood prevention programs from the voting requirements of Proposition 213, has stalled. The bond does include \$300 million to support stormwater and flood management efforts. The League of CA Cities is still in negotiations with the various taxpayer groups to determine if a compromise in ACA 13 can be reached. The Administration and the State Department of Water Resources are also continuing to show interest in developing a consensus on this bill.
- n) There is only one Initiative on eminent domain that has funding to put forth a campaign to secure the needed signatures. It is sponsored by Anita Anderson and has funding from someone located in New York who also provided funding to the Initiative to establish term limits in California. Some in the Legislature fear that if the Anderson Initiative qualifies, it may have a chance of passing with the voters. Therefore there is significant interest in developing a compromise through the legislative process to make the Initiative unnecessary. The compromise will likely provide certain protections for residential properties. The building industry appears to be staying neutral. Member Christensen noted that much of the property that has been taken through eminent domain has been apartment buildings and small commercial properties.
- o) Wes testified on behalf of C/CAG in opposition to House Speaker Nunez's telecommunication reform bill. The hearing was very lively and many of the Committee members criticized the bill. The League is continuing to negotiate with Speaker Nunez to develop a compromise that local governments can live with.

There are a number of housing bills that are all being held in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee. It is likely that a conference committee will be created to combine all of these proposals into a comprehensive package that represents a compromise for the interested parties.

#### **4. Review and approval of Legislative Update.**

There were no comments on this item.

#### **5. Consideration of positions on various bills:**

- a) Eminent domain Bills:

- 7. SB 1206
- 8. SB 1210
- 9. AB 1162

There was general agreement that this issue requires more education and that the Committee would welcome having an unbiased speaker knowledgeable in this subject matter. Staff will work with County Housing Director Duane Bay to locate an appropriate speaker for the June meeting.

- b) Transportation Planning Funds – AB 2538.

*Motion: To recommend a “support” position to the C/CAG Board. Hershman/O’Mahony, unanimous.*

- c) Affordable Housing – AB 2503.

Staff noted that the Housing Endowment and Trust (HEART) program and the County are requesting an amendment to this bill to ensure that there is full funding participation under ERAF. It was also noted that the issue of providing Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) credit for these contributions are not addressed in the bill. This is likely due to past objections raised by the Western Center on Law and Poverty.

*Motion: To recommend a “support with amendments” position to the C/CAG Board. The amendments are to ensure that the ERAF match for contributions to a housing trust fund come from “baseline” ERAF and not “excess” ERAF. Hershman/O’Mahony, unanimous.*

- d) Caltrans assuming NEPA responsibilities – SB 1812.

*Motion: To recommend a “support” position to the C/CAG Board. O’Mahony/Koelling, unanimous.*

**6. Establish date and time for next meeting (June 8, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.).**

**7. Other items/Comments from Guests.**

None.

**8. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.